

25X10PIC	Volkspolizei Dienststelle	in Erfurt	25X1A
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1. In late August 1951, Volkspolizei "ionststelle [redacted] in the Henne Kaserne in Erfurt 25X1 had between 1,800 and 2,000 police and 4 or 5 men were recruited daily in preceding weeks.
2. The unit had a heavy weapons equipment of about eight guns of various calibers. Three 25X1 were Soviet guns which were kept under lock. The 7th Sonderabteilung had 1 T-34 tank, 1 small armored reconnaissance car and 1 armored ammunition mover.
3. Except for the signal crew of the individual Kommandos and the 2d Sonderabteilung (signal), which participated in an exercise in Brandenburg, the unit did not engage in any exercises and did not go on bivouac. The Drosselberg (hill) is used for artillery practices.
4. In May or June 1951, VP Rat Bitterlich (fmu) was detached to organize a new unit at the former Panzer Kaserne on Dros elberg. The barracks installation, which includes three or four reconstructed buildings, is off limits. Bitterlich was commander of a squadron with the German Air Force. *
5. The PK officer of the VPD said that the Volkspolizei would be proclaimed People's Army the moment rearment in western Germany becomes reality. He said that the police terminology, now in use, would then be replaced by military terminology.
6. Officers of the VPD included:

<u>Rank and Name</u>	<u>Appointment</u>
VP Inspekteur Smollarz (fmu)	Commanding officer, bearer of the VP medal, who was a Soviet prisoner of war
VP Kommandeur Schaefer (fmu)	Deputy commanding officer and PK officer
VP Oberrat Winkler (fmu)	Office in the PK section
VP Rat Hoot (fmu)	Director of training
VP Rat Barthel (fmu)	Supply officer
VP Kommandeur Sommer (fmu)	Chief of staff
VP Rat Lewicki (fmu)	Assistant to chief of staff
VP Rat Wiegand (fmu)	SSD liaison officer
VP Oberkommissar Buechner (fmu)	SED secretary
VP Rat Walter Schnabel	Commanding officer of 1st Kommando

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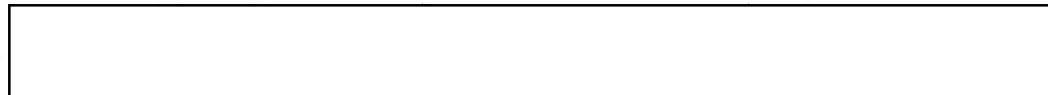
Rank and Name

VP Rat Herbig (fmu)
VP Kommissar Lange (fmu)
VP Rat Angelroth (fmu)

Appointment

Chief of staff of 1st Kommando
Commanding officer of 2d Kommando
PK officer of 3d Kommando.

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